

## **Time for Kids - China**

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### **History Timeline - China**

Travel through our timeline of major events in China's History

#### **Around 1600 B.C.:**

The Shang dynasty, the region's first recorded dynasty, masters the production of bronze.

#### **Around 221 B.C.:**

Qin Shi Huangdi unifies China and becomes its first emperor.

#### **1368-1644 A.D.:**

During the Ming dynasty, painting, calligraphy, pottery and other arts flourish.

#### **1839-1860:**

In the Opium Wars, China and Western nations battle over trade issues.

#### **1931-1945:**

Japan invades the province of Manchuria. After Japan is defeated in World War II, civil war breaks out in China.

#### **1949:**

Mao Zedong, head of the Communist Party, establishes the People's Republic of China. Rivals belonging to the Nationalist Party move to Taiwan, off China's eastern coast.

#### **1958-1961:**

Mao's plan to change China's economy and farming system fails. Millions of people die of starvation.

#### **1972:**

Richard M. Nixon becomes the first U.S. President to visit Communist China.

#### **1989:**

About 1 million students hold pro-democracy protests in Beijing's Tiananmen Square. The uprising is crushed by the army.

#### **1997:**

China regains control of Hong Kong, which had been under British rule for 99 years.

#### **2006:**

The Three Gorges River Dam across the Yangtze is completed. It took 13 years to build.

#### **2007:**

Beijing gears up to host the XXIX Olympiad, set for August 2008.

### **Fact File - China**

Get to know China! Get the facts about its land, products and people.

**Official name:** People's Republic of China

**Size:** 3,705,386 square miles (9,596,960 square kilometers); slightly smaller than the United States

**Population:** 1,321,851,888 as of July 2007

**Capital:** Beijing

**Official Language:** Mandarin, Yue (Cantonese), Wu and several others

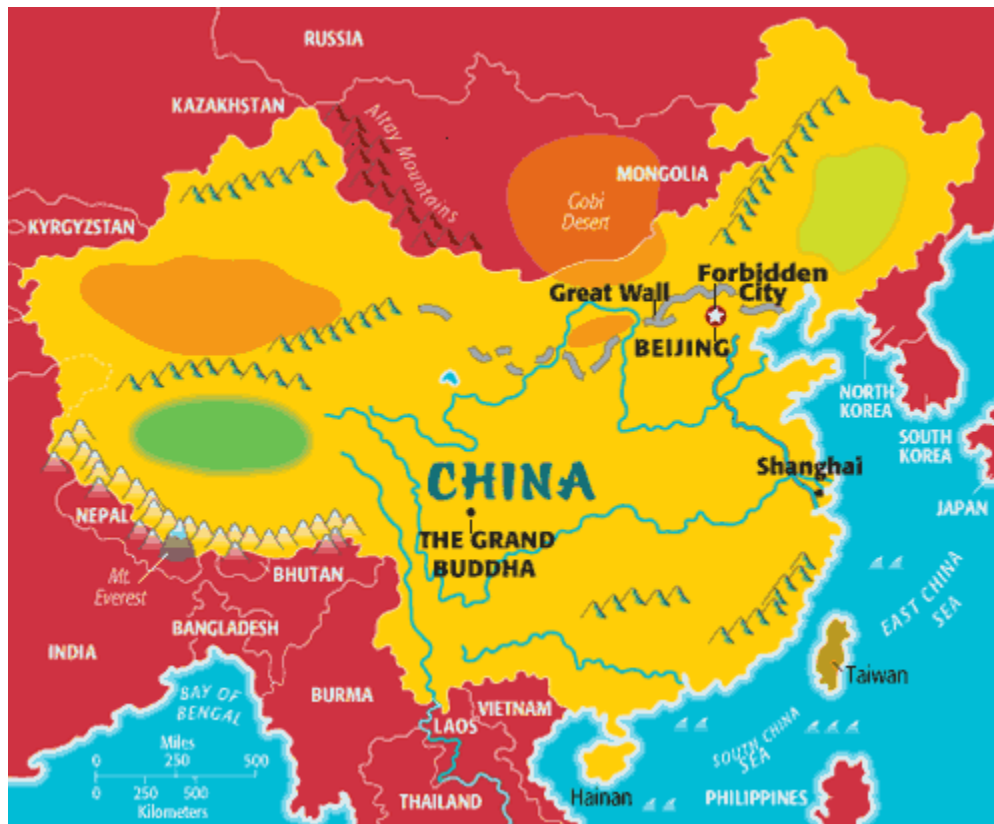
**Currency:** Yuan

**Climate:** Diverse, from tropical in the south to subarctic in the north

**Products:** Rice, wheat, potatoes, corn, peanuts, tea, iron, steel, aluminum, electronics, shoes, textiles, toys, petroleum, cement, chemicals and vehicles

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